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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising contacting a compound with a cell or a cell extract expressing Skp2 and one or both of p27 and Cks1, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.
- 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with either p27 or Cks1.
- 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination of p27 or degradation of p27 or Cks1.
- 4. A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising adding a compound in a purified system containing Skp2 and one or both of p27 and Cks1, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.
  - The method of Claim 4 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with either p27 or Cks1.
  - The method of Claim 4 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the ubiquitination of p27 or degradation of p27 or Cks1.
- 7. A method for screening compounds useful for the treatment of proliferative and differentiative disorders comprising adding a compound in a purified system containing Skp2 and one or both of a polypeptide corresponding to the carboxy terminus of the human p27 chain having the sequence NAGSVEWTPKKPGLRRRQT with or without a phosphothreonine at position 187 and Cks1, and detecting a change in the activity of Skp2.
- 30 8. The method of Claim 7 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by detecting a change in the interaction of Skp2 with either the polypeptide or Cks1.
- The method of Claim 7 wherein the change in the activity of Skp2 is detected by
  detecting a change in the ubiquitination of the polypeptide or degradation of the polypeptide
  or Cks1.